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AMERICANS ARE TAKEN PRISONERS

Three Aboard Steamer Yarrowdale, Captured by German Raider, Are Reported to Have Been Taken to Prussia As War Prisoners.

Their Status Offers Worry to State Department Officials—Former British Steamer Now Roaming Seas as a German Raider.

New York, Jan. 20.—Three Americans were members of the crew of the British steamer Yarrowdale, captured by the German raider and taken into a German port by a prize crew, according to the records of the British consulate here.

NOW IN PRUSSIA

Amsterdam, Jan. 20.—According to an official statement from Berlin, says the Cologne Gazette, the British steamer Yarrowdale, carrying crews of vessels destroyed by the German raider in the Atlantic, was brought into the port of Swinemünde, Prussia.

Status of Neutrals Captured in Raids Worries State Dept.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The German admiralty statement that neutral subjects in the crews of vessels captured by the German raider in the South Atlantic "have been removed as prisoners of war" will raise a complicated question if any Americans are among them.

The whole question turns on whether an armed merchant ship is a war vessel and the Gulf between this country and Germany on that question is still unbridled. Of course Americans on such ships could be considered as prisoners of war only if the vessels were considered as war vessels.

No indication has been received that any of the vessels sunk by the German raider was other than defensively armed. The state department has held throughout that a vessel cannot be classed as a warship unless it is under naval orders and the naval flag and manned by naval crews.

The German admiralty statement made just at this time when the armistice issue between the two countries is becoming more complicated was taken to foreshadow a more pronounced attitude as to the question on Germany's part.

British Merchantman, Captured By Germans, Now Out As a Raider

New York, Jan. 20.—The warning sent out by wireless to vessels of the Entente allies by the British authorities that the captured British merchantman St. Theodore had been converted into a German commerce raider was pointed to today by local shipping men as tending to prove that at least two German raiders are "at large" in the Atlantic ocean. It was recalled that a steamer had been sunk south of the equator within eight days after the Samland had sighted a raider on Dec. 4 about 600 miles west of Fastnet. For any vessel to have covered the distance in that time, it was said, would have been an impossibility.

In the discussion of what vessels possibly could be supplying the German raiders the peculiar actions of Cape Hatteras last month of the Portuguese steamer Paro, a former vessel, were recalled. This vessel, formerly the Galata, was interned in Portugal when the war started, was seized by the Portuguese government when the latter declared war against Germany, and under the name of Paro was put into the merchant trade of Portugal.

The American tank steamer Sucrova, which arrived here on Christmas Day, reports that off Cape Hatteras she sighted the Paro, which steamed across the tanker's bow, then circled and recrossed astern and disappeared. According to the Sucrova's officers, the Paro appeared next day and repeated the performance, neither time displaying any signal to explain her actions. "The Paro put into Newport News for coal and sailed from there Dec. 28, since when she has not been reported."

So far no change has been made in the arrangements for the safety of allied vessels leaving this port for England or France. When the vessels finish loading in New York the captains, it is said, go to their respective consuls and receive a code message which they send out by wireless on reaching a certain position, some 300 or 400 miles from their port of destination, and wait until the escort meets them.

WARNING IS SENT OUT

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 20.—The British authorities have issued a warning to shipping companies that the captured British steamer St. Theodore has been converted into a German commerce raider and is cruising along the Atlantic steamship routes. Secret in-

RESCUE PARTY RETURNS WITH LOST AVIATOR

Lieut. Col. Bishop Found on Desert, Famished and Nearly Frozen.

AMBULANCE BRINGS HIM ACROSS BORDER

Lost for Ten Days When Aeroplane is Abandoned After Accident.

Wellton, Ariz., Jan. 20.—Residents of Wellton are watching today for the return of the army ambulance which crossed the border last night to bring back Lieut. Col. Harry G. Bishop, an army aviator, who was left Thursday in a desert while a rescue party brought him back.

Bishop's weakened condition, caused by exposure and the fact that he had gone four days without food before he was found after his tramp of almost 200 miles from a point on the Gulf of California where the aviators landed, was a source of apprehension here.

The ambulance, in charge of Maj. Brown, who was accompanied by 14 men, left Yuma last night and was expected to arrive here early today, but continuous rains made progress slow and it was impossible to forecast the probable time of arrival.

Robertson, who arrived here with a searching party from Wellton that found him on the desert 32 miles south of here, is on the way to San Diego, Cal. from which city he and Bishop on Jan. 10 began their flight to Calexico and were caught in a stiff north wind that carried them several hundred miles out of their course and onto the Sonora desert.

It was Robertson's good fortune in overtaking a searching party that had been delayed by mechanical trouble with their automobile.

Bishop, no longer able to walk, finally gave up the attempt to walk back to civilization last Wednesday and urged Robertson, the latter said, to go on and send back aid if he could. Robertson continued northward along the base of the Gila Mountains and found the searching party as he was almost exhausted. He directed them to the mountain pass where Bishop had lain 24 hours, almost famished and chilled by the cold. His clothing was drenched by the rains which continued the greater part of the nine days the two men were lost on the desert.

The airplane, which tipped and broke a propeller when the men landed on the Gulf coast, was abandoned.

AUTO HITS MAN IN STREET AND ANOTHER JITNEY

Two in Hospital Following Double Accident in Barnum Avenue.

As a result of a double collision in which jitneys figured at 1 o'clock this afternoon, Mrs. William Sorenson, of 40 Huron avenue and Bert Mulford, of 1563 Main street, are in the Bridgeport hospital, suffering from severe bruises and may have suffered broken bones.

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ADMIRAL DEWEY IS BURIED WITH HIGHEST HONORS

Laid to Rest in Arlington Beside Graves of Other Heroes of 1898.

PRESIDENT AND CABINET ATTEND

Distinguished Company at Services Held Under Dome of Capitol.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Admiral Dewey was laid to rest today with all the honors a grateful nation can bestow.

After funeral services conducted under the dome of the capitol attended by President Wilson, the cabinet, the supreme court, the diplomatic corps and a notable company, the admiral's body was taken to Arlington National cemetery to rest with those of naval heroes gone before. Two of Dewey's commanders at the battle of Manila Bay, Benjamin P. Lambertson, the fleet captain, and Captain Joseph P. Coughlan of the cruiser Raleigh, lie nearby. Not far away, on the wooded slopes, rest Schley and Sampson.

Private services at the home were attended by President Wilson, Secretary Daniels and a limited company. The funeral party then moved to the capitol. All business of the government was suspended for the day; all private business in Washington stopped for an hour. On every American naval ship on the seven seas an ensign fluttered at half mast and an admiral's salute of 19 guns were fired.

The entire corps of midshipmen from Annapolis, who came not under orders but justly, the diplomatic corps, as he had wished, escorted the body to the rotunda of the capitol, where Chaplain J. B. Frazier, chaplain of the Olympia at Manila Bay, conducted brief and simple funeral services.

Mrs. Dewey did not accompany the funeral party to the capitol but joined it on the way to Arlington.

The private services at the home were begun promptly at 10 o'clock. Soon thereafter a solemn procession of midshipmen escorting the admiral's body moved along Massachusetts avenue, over the plaza of the capitol and into the rotunda, where the body was placed on a catafalque directly under the great dome.

President Wilson and the cabinet assembled in the president's room on the senate side and marched in a body to their places beside the bier. The supreme court, the diplomatic corps, the chief of staff of the army, the committees representing both houses of congress and officers of the army and navy followed. There was no funeral oration, and the occasion, as the admiral wished, was very simple. After the reading of the funeral service a quartet sang "Lead, Kindly Light," and "Able With Me," the admiral's favorite hymns.

While the services under the dome of the capitol were proceeding the midshipmen, drawn up on the plaza, were joined by the remainder of the military band. Six companies of marines under command of Col. C. G. Long, a battalion of blackjackets from the Arkansas, companies of seamen from the gunboat Dolphin, and the presidential yacht Mauretani, a company of army engineers from the Washington barracks, and two companies of cavalry from Fort Myer composed the escort.

Moving out over the plaza, the funeral procession turned into Pennsylvania avenue and travelled the route which was the scene of Admiral Dewey's home-coming from the battle that opened a new epoch in American history.

Following an escort of police rode Chaplain Frazier, then came a gun caisson bearing the admiral's casket draped with an American flag. Twelve body bearers, six from the Dolphin and Mayflower, marched with measured tread just behind. A color bearer with an admiral's flag at half-mast came next. Then followed members of the admiral's family and the members of the admiral's board, which he was head. A party of survivors of the battle of Manila Bay, gathered from far and near to do last homage to their commander, marched next.

Officers and enlisted men of the army, navy, marine corps and coast guard service marching in inverse order of rank, were followed by Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, Secretary Daniels and finally by President Wilson. The remainder of the funeral cortege was composed of the cabinet, diplomatic corps, the congressional committees, members of patriotic societies and delegations of civilians.

Independence Hall Bell Tolls

Philadelphia, Jan. 20.—The bell in the tower of historic Independence hall was tolled at one minute intervals from 11 to 11:30 a. m. today in honor of the late Admiral Dewey.

Commodore Phythian Dead

Annapolis, Md., Jan. 20.—Commodore Robert L. Phythian, retired, died at his home here today. He was 81 years old. Commodore Phythian was a student at the naval academy at the same time that Admiral Dewey was there.

BORINO DIVORCE

Ralph Borino, formerly well known in political circles, was the defendant in a divorce suit heard yesterday afternoon before Judge Bennett in the superior court. The court granted Emily Frances Borino a decree on the ground of infidelity.

THE WEATHER

For New Haven and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday.

DISCLOSE PLOT TO EXPEND MILLIONS WITHOUT ASKING TAXPAYERS' ACQUIESCENCE

FREIGHTER, BATTERED BY TWO-HOUR FIGHT AGAINST SUBMARINE, IN PORT HERE

New York, Jan. 20.—A battle which lasted an hour and 40 minutes between the British freighter Lindenhall and a Teutonic submarine in the Mediterranean, with nearly 300 shots exchanged as described by officers of the Lindenhall on her arrival here today from Naples.

The freighter came in so severely shelled that she looked as if she had been in an explosion. Twenty-six shots from the submarine hit her.

The engagement took place about 10 days before Christmas, according to Capt. Hugh Jones, while the freighter, having left Cardiff, Wales, was proceeding from Gibraltar to Naples.

The submarine signaled to the Lindenhall to stop. Instead, the tramp put on full steam ahead. Then ensued a pursuit which continued an hour and 40 minutes, until the freighter found a haven in the lee of an island near Palermo. There the submarine abandoned the chase.

Meanwhile the under sea boat fired 210 shells at the Lindenhall, which, from a 12-pounder mounted astern, sent back 85 shots at the pursuer.

The Lindenhall reached here without the gun. The weapon was removed in Gibraltar on her return voyage.

MAYOR'S SPECIAL COMMITTEE PANS ADMINISTRATION

Zoners—Eight Men, Two Boys and a Dog—Forget to Zone at Meeting.

Enthusiasm could not have been said to have been at fever heat last night when Alderman Vincent S. Whitney of Mayor Wilson's zone committee, called a meeting for the Twelfth district in Lincoln school. Eight men, two boys and a dog, attended the meeting and there was no heat in the assembly hall which added to the dreary aspect of the small gathering present in the large room.

Alderman Whitney met the situation, however, after he had spent about 15 minutes in watching his auditors thrash their arms and stamp their feet to keep warm. He discovered that there was heat in one of the school rooms adjoining and he called the meeting in that school room.

There the little party assembled proceeded to lament over the conditions which the Republican administration has created. There was no discussion as to what sections of the "Twelfth" shall be for manufacturing, what sections for business or what sections declared residential.

Instead, some of the eight "citizens and taxpayers" wanted to know why the city had spent money for a company station at Yellow Mill park and kept the station locked all the time. They also wanted to know why the headquarter of Yellow Mill pond is located in the city and the various odors which arise from the mud flats at low tide must be inhaled for ever. They asked when repairs would be made to the side walks of the East End and more streets paved; when an East Side High school will be built, when White street will be extended to Barnum avenue and when the city will buy Steeplechase Island.

Alderman Whitney informed some of his questioners that he was not a clairvoyant or fortune teller and therefore he could not look far enough into the future to fix the exact dates when all cause for the complaints would be removed and all the improvements come to pass.

He assured them, however, that they had the promise of the great Republican machine that all the improvements they wanted would be forthcoming some day. What day he could not say.

Of the eight present the following were appointed on committees: Alderman Henry Kamp, George A. Kuhl and Louis Hillsinger for the northern part of the district; Alderman Whitney, Michael Noonan and James P. Pronovost for the southern part of the district.

The boys or the dog did not get on any of the committees.

Ninety Years Old, They Are Matched In Athletic Feats

Columbus, O., Jan. 20.—Willis Oglebie, who declares he is Columbus' "youngest" nonagenarian, has accepted a challenge of John W. Flannagan, 91, of Defiance, O., for an endurance contest to be held in Columbus, Defiance, Cincinnati, Cleveland or Toledo. The Defiance man suggests that the contest be held Feb. 10.

"Uncle" John Flannagan recently issued a defi offering to pit his strength agility and endurance against any 90 year "comer" in Ohio. There are to be five tests, according to Flannagan. They are: a 20 mile walk without a cane, a labor contest, the work to be designated by the judges, a broad and high jump or an eating contest.

VOWS HE'LL KILL HIS BROTHER FOR WRONG OF CHILD

Parent of Girl Ill-Treated By Her Uncle Threatens to Slay Him.

Arrested charged with committing a serious offense against Margaret Pace, 14 years old, of 50 Columbus street, her uncle, Thomas Pace, an elderly white haired man, was threatened with death by his brother, Rocco Pace, father of the girl the arrested man is alleged to have assaulted, at police headquarters this morning.

The outraged father stamped into the detective bureau and wanted to know what the police were going to do with his brother. He was told that Judge Frank Wilder had just bound the defendant over in \$500 bonds for superior court.

"I am going to kill him. I hope he gets out in bonds. I want you all to witness what I say. I'll kill him the first time I meet him in the street," declared Rocco Pace. Ascertaining that his brother was unable to furnish bonds, he left the court building with his daughter.

It is alleged that for the last year Thomas Pace has been guilty of committing grave offenses, which first started when the girl was 13 years old. A week ago on complaint of the girl's mother, Mrs. Margaret Pace, the girl's uncle was arrested. Dr. S. I. Aranki, summoned as a witness for the state was in court this morning to testify but the defendant waived examination.

The police are of the opinion that it will be better for Rocco in view of the threat of his brother, with whom he lived, if he stays in jail.

Four Bound Over For Thefts From Railroad

The case of Abram J. Rich, coal dealer and well-to-do real estate owner, who was arrested on a charge of being implicated in the looting of freight cars by a band of young men, who carted away a fortune in brass and copper ingots, was continued in the city court today until Feb. 10.

Dominick Costello, of 185 North Washington avenue, Frank Fucello, 103 Commercial street, Peter Philipo, of 103 Commercial street and Dominick Tripadello, of 232 North Washington avenue, were all held for the superior court, charged with thefts of brass from freight cars.

All waived examination with the exception of Fucello, who claimed on the witness stand with tears in his eyes that he was innocent of any wrong doing. Philipo was called to the stand and stated at first that Fucello had not taken part in the theft of metal from Youngs. Tripadello testified Fucello accompanied him and others when they stole the metal. Philipo recalled to stand admitted he was lying and Fucello was bound over with his companions to the superior court.

George S. Youngs has brought suit against Rich in the superior court for \$4,200 damages. He claims Rich knew the quantities of brass scrap and ingots he received were goods stolen from Youngs. The suit is returnable to the February term.

MUNITIONS BLOW UP

London, Jan. 20.—The explosion in the munitions factory near London last night involved practically all the explosives in the factory, which was destroyed entirely. The effects were felt at a great distance and three rows of small houses in the neighborhood were almost demolished. Between 30 and 40 bodies have been recovered thus far and about 100 persons are reported to have been injured seriously.

Alfred Wendt, of Altona, Pa., was found guilty of murder in the first degree.

Audacious Scheme to Foist Debt of Between Five and Ten Million Upon City and Then Spend Cash Without Consulting Citizens or Designating on What It Shall Be Spent Transpires at Meeting of Advisory Board—Would Ignore Referendum and Pay No Attention to Home Rule Act.

An audacious scheme to rob the people of Bridgeport of their right to know how their money shall be spent was disclosed yesterday afternoon at the meeting of the "mayor's committee for financing new projects."

From the questions put by Chairman John T. King to City Attorney William H. Comley, Jr., it was evident that the Republican rulers of the city are considering trying to bond the city for five or ten millions of dollars without specifying for what the money will be used.

No referendum would be instituted under this bold plan. The provisions of the Home Rule act would be ignored. An effort would be made to jam a special dispensation through the legislature, allowing a bond issue, without stating the improvements to be made.

The board of apportionment would be reduced to a body of bookkeepers, with nothing but clerical work to do. The board of aldermen, with its 21 Republican members, undoubtedly will approve.

Members of various city departments appeared before the advisory board yesterday and told of their departments' needs. For the Warren Bros. intermittent service, it was suggested that \$2,500,000 for 106 miles of street would be the proper thing; for sewer extensions, \$1,500,000 (with \$1,000,000 needed); street extensions, and widening, \$1,000,000; new schools, \$1,000,000; parks, \$1,000,000; improvements in police and fire buildings and other departments \$500,000.

It would be possible to obtain money for a bond issue, say \$5,000,000 or more and then distribute it as the money was needed, wouldn't it? Mr. Comley asked John T. King, chairman of the committee. "Yes," replied the city attorney, "but then you would be getting into shoal water. The Home Rule act under which proposed bond issues be stipulated and the proceeds requires that the purpose of the bond issue be stipulated and the proceeds can be used for no other purpose."

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City Attorney Comley said that with the permission of the legislature the present administration could have the handling of the proceeds of such a bond issue without submitting the matter to the voters under the Home Rule act. Chairman King here made a dramatic pause in his questioning in order that this significant statement might sink deep in the minds of the committee.

City Attorney Comley said that it was not necessary that bonds be sold before a contractor begins work on the project for which the bonds were issued. He said the contractor might begin work at once knowing he would be paid from the bond issue and might even take payment in the very bonds issued to defray the cost of his work.

He said if the bonds were not sold, the contractor could not recover payment from any other funds of the city, except the proceeds of the bond issue.

"Well, after all that is merely a business chance the contractor takes, such as he would in any other project in which he might engage," said Mr. King. Then the city attorney was excused.

He had been called into the session apparently to make it plain to the members of the committee that the legislature could give authority for the big bond issue. The committee was in the midst of discussing sewer extensions when Judge Comley came into the mayor's office where the meeting was held, but Chairman King halted all other proceedings while he put his questions. He opened up innocently enough with a question as to whether or not a contractor might begin work before bonds were sold and then launched into the subject which after all is the real excuse for the existence of the "committee to finance new projects."

Some at city hall declare the committee is taking the function of the board of apportionment and taxation, leaving the members of that board to do the routine work of making up the appropriations and fixing the tax rate.

DeVer H. Warner, head of the Warner Bros. company, who has been a member of the committee two years, was much interested in this matter and asked a number of questions.

During the hearing, Chairman King frequently addressed him as "DeVer," but Mr. Warner did not warm up any. He addressed Mr. King very coolly as "Mr. Chairman" whenever he had a question.

Mr. Warner thought that with varying prices and conditions of labor and material it would be well to have a flexible arrangement on all contracts. He referred to the high school, the almshouse and the Stratford avenue bridge which cost more than the amounts of the bond issue provided for them. Chairman King asked City Engineer Terry if it was

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